

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

*I have purchased hearing aids from three different Companies where Audiologists have given me an ear exam. Some I had to return as unsatisfactory.*

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

*See above #1.*

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

*No. Most local hearing aid dispensers give free hearing tests as an enticement to sell you an aid at 200% profit or mark-up. They will give you a copy which you can send to the mail-order firm. Why not?*

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

*Yes - There is a saving of over 100% on mail order aids.*

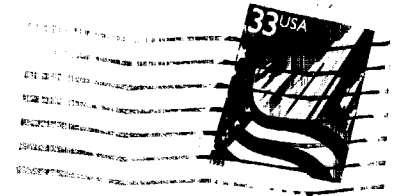
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